

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A flexible container comprising:
 - a first web;
 - a second web positioned with respect to said first web;
 - a seal sealing said first web with respect to said second web and forming a void between said webs, at least one portion of said seal being non-linear;
 - a closure area defined by said first web, said closure area forming an opening providing access to said void; and
 - a layer of adhesive applied to said first web at said closure area.
2. The flexible container according to Claim 1, wherein said first web comprises at least two layers.
3. The flexible container according to Claim 1, wherein said second web comprises at least two layers.
4. The flexible container according to Claim 1, wherein said seal is continuous.
5. The flexible container according to Claim 1, wherein said at least one portion of said seal has an arcuate shape.

6. The flexible container according to Claim 1, wherein said at least one portion comprises opposing side edge portions, and in a direction from a top to a bottom of each of said opposing side edge portions at least a portion of said side edge portion is bowed outward from said void.

7. The flexible container according to Claim 1, wherein a bottom portion of said seal is bowed outward from said void.

8. The flexible container according to Claim 7, wherein said bottom portion follows an arc segment and a height of said arc segment is at least about 0.125 inch.

9. The flexible container according to Claim 1, wherein opposing side edge portions of said seal converge in a direction toward a bottom portion of said seal.

10. The flexible container according to Claim 1, wherein opposing side edge portions of said seal each is arcuate.

11. The flexible container according to Claim 1, wherein opposing side edge portions of said seal each is bowed outward from said void and follows an arc segment and a height of said arc segment is at least about 0.125 inch.

12. The flexible container according to Claim 1, wherein a portion of each of opposing side edge portions of said seal is arcuate.

13. The flexible container according to Claim 1, wherein near said closure area, opposing side edge portions of said seal diverge from each other in a direction from a bottom to a top of said side edge portions.

14. The flexible container according to Claim 1, wherein said first web has at least two layers and a first layer of said at least two layers is coextensive with a second layer of said at least two layers.

15. The flexible container according to Claim 1, wherein said first web has at least two layers and said at least two layers comprise a first layer of a polyester or nylon material and a second layer of a polyethylene material.

16. The flexible container according to Claim 1, wherein said opening comprises a slit positioned along a fold line passing through said closure area.

17. The flexible container according to Claim 16, wherein near at least one of opposing end portions of said slit at least one of said webs has a structural relief.

18. The flexible container according to Claim 17, wherein said structural relief comprises at least one layer of at least one of said webs having a reduced thickness at said fold line.

19. A flexible container comprising: ✓
a first web and a second web sealed with respect to each other and forming a void between said webs, said first web having an opening at a closure area, and a seal sealing said webs, said seal having a bottom portion and opposing side edge portions each being non-linear.

20. The flexible container according to Claim 19, wherein each of said first web and said second web comprises at least two layers.

21. The flexible container according to Claim 19, wherein said seal comprises a continuous seal.

22. The flexible container according to Claim 19, wherein each of said bottom portion and said opposing side edge portions has an arcuate shape.

23. The flexible container according to Claim 22, wherein said bottom portion has a radius of about 8 inches.

24. The flexible container according to Claim 22, wherein each of said opposing side edge portions has a radius of about 70 inches.

25. The flexible container according to Claim 19, wherein each of said bottom portion and opposing side edge portions is bowed outward from said void.

26. The flexible container according to Claim 25, wherein said bottom portion follows an arc segment and a height of said arc segment is at least about 0.125 inch.

27. The flexible container according to Claim 25, wherein each of opposing side edge portions follows an arc segment and a height of said arc segment is at least about 0.125 inch.

28. The flexible container according to Claim 19, wherein a top portion of said seal is non-linear.

29. The flexible container according to Claim 19, wherein a top portion of said seal is arcuate.

30. The flexible container according to Claim 19, wherein said side edge portions converge in a direction toward said bottom portion.

31. A flexible container comprising:

a first web;

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a second web sealed with respect to said first web and forming a void between said webs;

a closure area defined by said first web, said closure area forming an opening providing access to said void;

a seal sealing said first web with respect to said second web to form said void, a bottom portion of said seal being non-linear, and near said closure area, opposing side edge portions of said seal diverge from each other in a direction from a bottom to a top of said side edge portions; and

a layer of adhesive applied to said first web at said closure area.

32. The flexible container according to Claim 31, wherein said seal is continuous.

33. The flexible container according to Claim 31, wherein said bottom portion has an arcuate shape.

34. The flexible container according to Claim 31, wherein said opposing side edge portions converge in a direction toward said bottom portion.

35. The flexible container according to Claim 31, wherein a top portion of said seal is non-linear.

36. The flexible container according to Claim 31, wherein a top portion of said seal is arcuate.

37. The flexible container according to Claim 31, wherein said seal comprises a heat seal.

38. The flexible container according to Claim 31, wherein said seal is formed about a periphery of the flexible container.

39. The flexible container according to Claim 31, further comprising a second seal positioned with respect to said void.

40. The flexible container according to Claim 39, wherein said second seal is segmented.